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Working Group on Sectoral Issues
26 February-1 March 1996
Item 1 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Protection of the oceans, all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources (Agenda 21, chapter 17).

3. Protection of the atmosphere (Agenda 21, chapter 9).

4. Other matters.

5. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.

Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its third session, the Commission on Sustainable Development decided to set up an ad hoc open-ended working group in order to prepare for its fourth session, which would deal with sectoral chapters of Agenda 21 under review in 1996, namely chapter 9 on the protection of the atmosphere, and chapter 17 on protection of the oceans, all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources. In addition the group would address related aspects of transfer of environmentally sound technology, cooperation and capacity-building, in accordance with the decision contained in paragraph 217 of

chapter I of the report of the Commission on its second session. The Commission further requested the Bureau in consultation with member States and with the assistance of the Secretariat to elaborate the provisional agendas for the ad hoc open-ended inter-sessional working group and proposals on organizational modalities.

2. Protection of the oceans, all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources (Agenda 21, chapter 17)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on protection of the oceans, all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources (E/CN.17/1996/3 and Add.1)

3. Protection of the atmosphere (Agenda 21, chapter 9)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on protection of the atmosphere (E/CN.17/1996/22 and Add.1)

4. Other matters

5. Adoption of the report of the Working Group

Annex

PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK

The proposed organization of work for the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Sectoral Issues has been drawn up on the basis of informal consultations held by the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

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